norms for assistance from the NCCF. The other assistance provided by the Government of India include free transportation of drinking water & fodder by the Railways, allocation of foodgrains free of cost under Food For Work Programme (FFWP), handing over of exploratory tube-wells for drinking water purposes and relaxation in norms under schemes implemented by Department of Drinking Water Supply.

Impact of China's membership of WTO on Indian Agriculture

†2080. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian agricultural production and marketing is likely to be affected by China joining the World Trade Organization; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken to save agricultural sector from its ill-effects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) As China has joined World Trade Organisation (WTO) only recently it is too early to predict the likely impact on Indian Agricultural Production and Marketing. However, *prima-facie*, it is felt that it will not have much impact as India and China have already been exchanging most favoured nation treatment and because the concessions had to be given unilaterally by China on entry to WTO and no reciprocal commitments were involved on the part of India or any other WTO Member.

Remunerative price for soyabean in A.P.

2081. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the share of Andhra Pradesh in the production of soyabean in the country during the last three years year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that soyabean farmers of the State are not getting remunerative prices for the produce; and

(c) what action Government have taken to provide remunerative prices to soyabean producers and to increase its production in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The share of Andhra Padesh in

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